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May 11, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. APT4088911 (Capital Project 88911) - Fox Airfield Water System Upgrade, City of Lancaster (5), to Sierra Cascade Construction, Inc., in amount of \$516,347.70.

Project ID No. FCC0000793 - Glendora High School Drain, City of Glendora (5), to Andrew Papac & Sons, in amount of \$530,702.00.

Project ID No. FMD0003060 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2004, Los Angeles River Watershed, in the vicinities of Commerce, Compton, Long Beach, Paramount, Pasadena, and San Fernando (All), to Ron's Maintenance, in amount of \$344,365.20.

Project ID No. RMD1146035 - Parkway Tree Planting, Maintenance District 1 (As Needed), 2003-04, in the vicinities of Industry, Diamond Bar, and Covina (1, 4, and 5), to FS Construction, in amount of \$95,450.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including an addendum to the contract specifications for Project ID No. APT4088911.

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2003-04 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On July 30, 1996, your Board approved the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Master Plan update for General William J. Fox Airfield, Project ID No. APT4088911.

Each of the remaining projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
May 11, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. APT4088911 (CAPITAL PROJECT 88911), FOX AIRFIELD WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE (City of Lancaster), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of 12" and 16" cast iron or steel water mains.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 16, 2004 (Synopsis 58)

BID OPENING DATE: April 20, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Sierra Cascade Construction, Inc., a corporation 1043 West Avenue M-4, Suite E Palmdale, California 93551 (661) 942-7696	\$516,347.70
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2	*+B. V. Construction	\$554,466.50
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3	+Stevens Construction, Inc.	\$791,002.65
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$418,710.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$516,347.70
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 97,637.70

The amount of the recommended contract is 23 percent above the estimate. Several factors not anticipated resulted in higher bids. Additional road resurfacing work was added through an addendum that was not included in the estimate. The cost for steel pipe has increased significantly in recent months due to an increase in transportation costs and supply and demand factors. Additionally, the estimate for videotaping the existing reclaimed water system was based on the bid history of videotaping newly constructed water mains which is significantly less labor intensive. We do not believe that readvertising the project will result in a more favorable bid. Therefore, we recommend that this project be awarded to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Aviation Capital Projects Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Sierra Cascade Construction, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On July 30, 1996, your Board approved the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Master Plan Update for General William J. Fox Airfield. An element of the Master Plan includes this project.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in October 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
May 11, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000793, GLENDORA HIGH SCHOOL DRAIN
(City of Glendora), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a reinforced concrete storm drain system and drainage structures and other appurtenant work

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 6, 2004 (Synopsis 40)

BID OPENING DATE: May 4, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Andrew Papac & Sons, a corporation 2030 Santa Anita Avenue South El Monte, California 91733-3486 (626) 443-4061	\$530,702.00
2	Remedial Civil Constructors, Inc.	\$550,000.00
3	Vasilj, Inc.	\$552,425.00
4	Mladen Grbavac Construction	\$554,015.00
5	Gentry Brothers, Inc.	\$582,750.00
6	Ross A. Guy and Son, General Engineering Contractor, Inc.	\$632,568.00
7	Van Elk, Ltd.	\$643,497.00
8	*SRD Engineering, Inc.	\$644,371.00
9	+Clarke Contracting Corporation	\$665,102.00
10	Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc.	\$699,530.00
11	Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc.	\$730,375.00
12	Atlas-Allied, Inc.	\$940,800.00

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$592,720.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$530,702.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 62,018.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 10 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Andrew Papac & Sons has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a DBE participation of 3.5 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 3, Subsections (q), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 calendar days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in August 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
May 11, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003060, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2004, LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED (in the vicinities of Commerce, Compton, Long Beach, Paramount, Pasadena, and San Fernando), All Supervisorial Districts

TYPE OF WORK: Clean out 37,431 catch basins at various locations in the County

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 6, 2004 (Synopsis 40)

BID OPENING DATE: May 4, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Successful Bidder

*+Ronnie E. Norman, an individual dba Ron's Maintenance 11542 Horley Avenue Downey, California 90241 (562) 861-1808	\$ 344,365.20
2 *United Waste Management, Inc.	\$ 329,392.80
3 *J & G Maintenance	\$ 330,141.42
4 *The Resource Collection, Inc.	\$ 410,618.07
5 *Ecology Construction, Inc.	\$1,497,240.00

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Ron's Maintenance is a certified Local Small Business Enterprise and its bid qualifies for the Local Small Business Enterprise preference. Their bid is within 5 percent of the amount of the low bid submitted by United Waste Management; therefore, the contract should be awarded to Ron's Maintenance.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$486,603.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$344,365.20
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$142,237.80

The amount of the recommended contract is 29 percent below the estimate, which was based on last year's average contract prices for similar items of work. Four of the five bids were below the estimate and reflect the competitive nature of the market at this time. Ron's Maintenance has performed satisfactorily on previous contracts with the County; therefore, we recommend award of the contract to Ron's Maintenance.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Ron's Maintenance, an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 70 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in September 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
May 11, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. RMD1146035, PARKWAY TREE PLANTING, MAINTENANCE
DISTRICT 1 (AS NEEDED), 2003-04 (in the vicinities of Industry, Diamond Bar, and
Covina), Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Planting of parkway trees on an as-needed basis.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 30, 2004 (Synopsis 75)

BID OPENING DATE: April 27, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Angel Fierros, an individual dba FS Construction 13368 Aldergrove Street Sylmar, California 91342 (818) 974-0895	\$ 95,450.00
2	*Azteca Landscape	\$105,560.00
3	*International Environmental Corporation	\$110,150.00
4	+United Pacific Services, Inc.	\$115,905.00
5	America West Landscape, Inc.	\$127,484.00

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 99,958.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 95,450.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 4,508.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 4.5 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the 2003-04 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

FS Construction, an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(9), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be done on an as-needed basis for a period of one year. Therefore, the contract duration will start in July 2004 and end in June 2005.

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